

# Griffith Insists American League Is Sincere In Its Stand Against Older Organization

## DEFERENT SYSTEM MUST BE ADOPTED

Nationals' Manager Declares American League Will Insist on Having Control of Tickets to Games Played on Its Parks.

"If anyone thinks that that vote of the American League to break relations with the National League on the matter of the sale of tickets for the world's series, is not sincere, he is making an awful mistake. Before the matter ever came up at the meeting it was discussed, and when the resolution was presented everybody voted the same way." This was what Clark Griffith, the Washington manager, said when he came back to this city today from the meeting of the league in New York.

"We are not so sore ourselves, but when the slur was cast in this Murphy proposition to have Ban Johnson run as the president of the National League, we all understood that it was a slam at Garry

Herrmann and Barney Dreyfus. We all admire these two men, and when it came to a showdown we naturally supported our friends. What the National League will do about it I do not know, but you can take it from me that we will either have control of the tickets of all games played in our parks in ante-season and post-season games or else there will be no games. I think the National League understands this, and when they consider the matter seriously they will probably modify our views," was the way the manager of the Nationals closed his talk.

Griffith was in his office in the Southern building, early today, and aside from the talk about the ticket resolution, he said there was no news about the president's election except what came out of New York.

## BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Some meeting, says Griff.

Georgetown last night paid just tribute to a real squad of football players. That banquet does not begin to prove the real feeling of Georgetown men toward the men who fought so hard and so successfully during the gridiron campaign, and every man who received a gold fob may prize it as but a small token of appreciation and esteem. Georgetown men—faculty, alumni, and students—recognize the wonderful work of these chosen few and that their efforts were appreciated was shown by the speeches made after the spread. The Georgetown eleven of 1911 will not soon be forgotten by those who have the best interests of the university at heart.

Catholic University wins.

It will be with sincere regret that Washington baseball fans will see the passing of "Kid" Elberfeld. It is doubtful if there has ever been a more popular man connected with the local team than Elberfeld. He has been a friend to the fans, a leader to the players, and a model to the community. He has been a major leaguer with speedily drawing to a close, and if he can be placed to his own advantage in the good news to thousands of admirers among the patrons of National Park.

Jim Walsh busy.

While the football season is supposed to be over there are at least two teams in this city who are working as hard as ever. The Washington Engineers—who are working as hard as ever—were the middle of November. These eleven meet at Union Park next Sunday, and the Washington Engineers are coming out of the rival training camps. It will be a match well worth seeing, and the Washington fans and the All-High School team drew about 1,500 people, and it looks like an even larger throng next Sunday.

## Georgetown Will Be Represented in Richmond

Georgetown University track authorities have decided to accept the invitation of the Richmond College management and enter the Blue and Gray track team in the match which is to be held in the capital of the Old Dominion some time in January.

When the invitation was first received it was considered imprudent to accept, as the management thought the long Christmas recess would be a check to training and that the men would return from vacation with lessened vigor. Later, however, when the squad began to show good form after a week of work, the Blue and Gray coaches recommended that the team be allowed to take the trip. It is now the plan of the authorities to have the members of the team devote the day before the match, while home, to running, so that when they again take up their studies on the "hilltop" they will be in fairly good trim, and with two weeks' training before the match, will be able to enter the Richmond games in tip-top condition. If the candidates will follow the plan of the coaches, there is no reason for believing that the squad will not be able to carry off before it in the January meet.

Although the team has by no means been selected Captain Carrigan has been selected on several men as representatives of the institution on the heights at Richmond. As things now stand Captain Carrigan, Martin, and Eller will enter the dashes, Chapman, Campbell, McGrath, Matlock, Mulligan, and Devlin in the distance runs, while the weight events will be taken care of by Eller, Barrie, and the others. These men have been selected upon a basis of ability, and other men whose ability has not yet been brought out, may also find places on the aggregation.

In Carrigan, Martin, and Eller the Blue and Gray will have a trio that should be able to win many points in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. All are men of experience in collegiate racing, and are at the present time doing the distance in fast time. Given another month to perfect their condition, and these veterans should be fit to repeat last winter's sterling performances when they defeated many of the crack sprinters of the large Southern colleges. Eller will also be counted upon to assist Hugh Golden in accumulating points in the hurdle races. Golden, when a member of the Georgetown Preparatory School team, won several places in the timber topping contests and has been taking the lead with the gun in the races to get off with the gun. He manages to overcome this fault he will be one of the most valuable men on the hilltop team.

## John Daly Defeats De Oro At Billiards

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—John Daly today was hailed as the new world's champion of three-cushion billiards. In a sensational rally last night he defeated Alfred De Oro by 150 to 148 for the championship and a purse of \$2,500.

Wolverton's manager.

The following letter, which was received today from F. Brahm, speaks for itself:

"The Potomac A. C. disputes the Hall Stairs' claim of the 100-lb. championship of the District on condition of the game played last Sunday, which was not on a regulation size field. The Potomacs are willing to play this game off on any field outside of the Capital City League Park."

Griffith is back.

Dr. Davidson, Superintendent of Schools in the District, should be strongly supported in his action of instructing the principals of the various high schools not to allow the members of their student bodies to participate in independent football games after the close of the scholastic year. Ordinarily the head of a school system may appear so unfair to athletics that his work may not carry far with the general sportsman, but Dr. Davidson has gone on record in favor of sport in such a manner that his request should have far greater weight than under average circumstances. Ten weeks of football is enough for a high school boy, and once he exceeds this rather liberal limit he not only throws himself liable to serious injury, but places himself in the position of being charged with violating the higher ethics of sportsmanship. Dr. Davidson has acted wisely in his contention, and it is to be hoped that there will be no further cause for argument along these lines. A high school football player's year should close at the end of the regular season, and the Superintendent of Schools should be commended upon the position he has assumed in the present situation.

## Indians Receive \$11,000 From Harvard Game

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 14.—Today William F. Garcelon, graduate manager and treasurer of Harvard's athletics, sent a check for approximately \$11,000 to the athletic association at the Carlisle Indian School, this sum being the Indians' share of the gate receipts from the football game played against Harvard in the stadium on November 11.

It is almost certain that when the \$11,000 check is received by the Indians all incidents relating to football between Harvard and Carlisle will be closed for a long time to come. Carlisle will not be on the Crimson's schedule next fall, and it is very likely that there never will be any more football games played between the Harvard and Carlisle Indian teams.

Last December at the American Intercollegiate Athletic Association meeting in New York Prof. Dudley, of Vanderbilt University, endeavored to secure a football game with Harvard for his team. At that time Harvard had not determined its schedule, although it was holding November 17 for Cornell. Later Harvard offered the date to Vanderbilt. The reply received from the Southern institution was that Vanderbilt could not send its team to Harvard on November 17, as it was already scheduled to play at that time, and then, only a few days later, Glenn Warner came to Boston and arranged for a game between the Harvard and the Red Sox next year.

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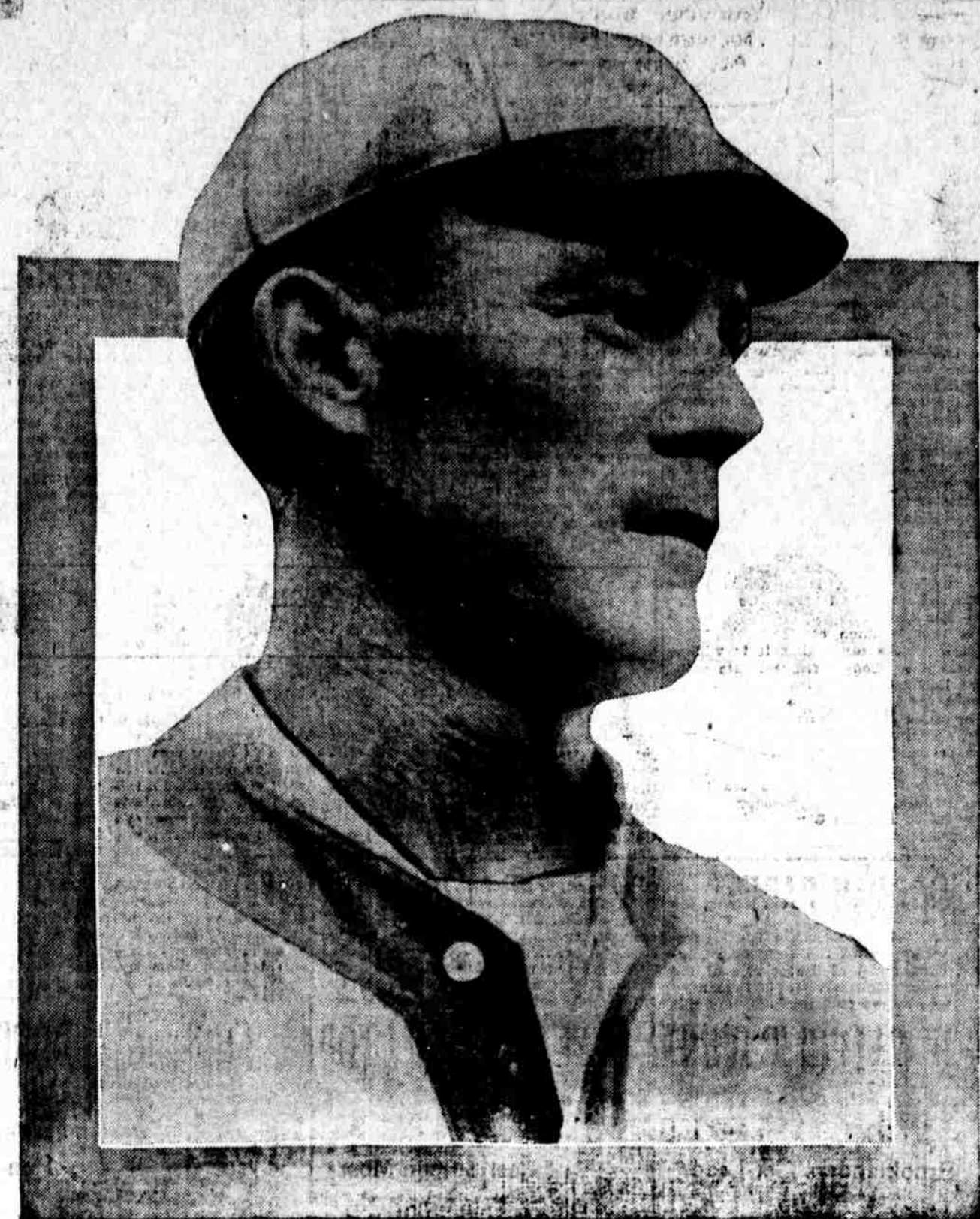
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## Has Played Last Game With Washington Baseball Team



KID ELBERFELD, Popular Player, Who Will Be Placed With Some Minor League Club Before Next Season.

## TWO HIGHLANDERS MAY BE TRADED TO WASHINGTON CLUB

Jack Knight and Earl Gardner May Come to This City.

By "SENATOR."

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Harry Wolverton, the newly appointed manager of the Washington Nationals, is willing to consider letting Jack Knight and Earl Gardner go to the Nationals.

Manager Griffith is known to favor the obtaining of Knight and Gardner and he is expected to open negotiations with Wolverton in a day or so.

Fred Lake, former manager of the Boston Red Sox, and last year a scout for the St. Louis Browns, will most likely manage the Providence Club of the International League. President Navin, of the Detroit Club, has purchased this property and will use it as a farm for the Tigers. He is now discussing salary matters with Lake, who is expected to sign to manage the minor league club before the week is out.

Kid Elberfeld was picked out by Navin to have this job and that is why he declined to waive on the midwest veteran, who is expected to play in Providence. Navin withdrew his claim on him and went to the team for his team.

A big deal is on between the Naps and the Tigers. George Stovall may be traded for George Moriarty. Harry Davis must get rid of Stovall in some way, and Detroit is the only team that will consider him. Jimmy McAleer, of the Red Sox, left for Youngstown last night at 11 o'clock, after fanning all evening with Sam Kennedy, Joe Birmingham, and Jimmy Callahan.

The Philadelphia contingent left earlier in the day, and now there are very few American Leaguers in sight. Walter Blair has been sold by Harry Stovall to Gansel's Rochester club. Blair was second string backstop last season.

Those on the inside declare that Fogel and Dechin, the duologue artists, will watch up their differences before the New Year rolls around. Both are more friendly moods already, as a result of this meeting here.

## To Organize National Capital Motorcycle Club

As a result of three preliminary meetings held within the last few days, a well-defined movement is under way to organize a National Capital Motorcycle Club. Another meeting will be held tonight in the rooms of the Southern Athletic Club, 908 Pennsylvania avenue, at which officers will be elected and a set of by-laws adopted. The object of the club will be to promote social intercourse among the motorcycleists of the District, and the advancement and protection of their interests. The officers to be elected tonight will be a president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, captain, first and second lieutenants, and guard. As soon as the permanent organization is effected the club will affiliate with the Federation of American Motorcycleists, and hold runs and tours under its supervision.

## Nationals Favor Georgetown

"When the park burned down last spring Georgetown came across with a fine offer to have the use of Georgetown Field and the Ryan gymnasium and the officials of the Washington ball club have not forgotten it. Our first game at home will be on Wednesday, March 27, and we will play Georgetown. We may or may not draw well, but we have at least showed our feeling in the matter by giving the college the best date on our preliminary schedule." This was a statement made today by Clark Griffith, the Nationals' new manager.

## ALL AGES SELECT FAVORITE PLAYERS FOR WINNING TEAM

Reginald C. Dilli Sends His Choice for All-Star Nine.

That there is no age limit in baseball fandom has been once more demonstrated by those picking all-star teams in The Times.

Among those making selections today is Reginald C. Dilli, of 1345 U Street northwest, who is fourteen years of age, and who names the following men for the greatest team in the American League:

- Centerfield—Cobb, Detroit.
- Leftfield—Mahan, Washington.
- Rightfield—Jackson, Cleveland.
- First base—Lajoie, Cleveland.
- Second base—Collins, Athletics.
- Third base—Baker, Athletics.
- Shortstop—Barry, Athletics.
- Pitcher—Johnson, Nationals.
- Catcher—Street, Washington.
- Raymond Baud, of Kenilworth, would depend upon:
- Left field—Cobb, Detroit.
- Right field—Jackson, Cleveland.
- First base—Lajoie, Cleveland.
- Second base—Collins, Athletics.
- Third base—Baker, Athletics.
- Shortstop—Barry, Athletics.
- Pitcher—Johnson, Nationals.
- Catcher—Street, Washington.
- Salvador Marino, without comment, names the following:
- Centerfield—Cobb, Cleveland.
- Left field—Cobb, Detroit.
- Right field—Jackson, Cleveland.
- First base—Lajoie, Cleveland.
- Second base—Collins, Athletics.
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## JOHN H. MINDS IS ON PENNSYLVANIA FOOTBALL BOARD

Newly Elected Committee Meets and Organizes for Year.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—The newly elected board of directors of the University of Pennsylvania Athletic Association met yesterday in the gymnasium building and organized for the year.

As was expected, John H. Minds, who was displaced last year and elected to the board of directors for the coming year because of his popularity among the students and graduates, was chosen as a member of the committee.

Thomas Reath, Jr., president of the senior class, was the other new man chosen.

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## NATIONAL MOGULS TO SCORE MURPHY

"Cheerful Charlie's" Attack on Ban Johnson May Further Strain Relations of Leagues, It Is Feared. Washingtonians Get Scare.

By "SENATOR."

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Unless all signs fall, one "Cheerful Charlie" Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs, will come in for a scoring from his colleagues of the National League this afternoon, when the magnates of Tom Lynch's organization get together in the state apartment of the Waldorf-Astoria. The unexpected decision of the American League, as evidenced by the resolutions passed at the Astor, Tuesday afternoon and expressed by President Ban Johnson, has frightened many of the National League moguls. They fear that, if Murphy continues his bitter attack on Ban Johnson, trouble may break out between the two major leagues.

That Johnson is thoroughly incensed at the suggestion from Murphy that he would nominate the American League's leader to be president of the National League, and that he has the hearty support of the magnates of the younger organization, there can be no doubt. Frank Farrell declines to discuss the subject. John I. Taylor smiles and says, "Ban knows a whole lot more than Murphy, and he is acting on his knowledge." Charlie Comiskey says that Johnson is the head of the American League, and that attacks on him personally are attacks on the American League. Johnson has the complete support of his league, and while the war is very unlikely, friendly relations between the two big leagues are badly strained.

Tarry in New York.

The National League magnates, remembering that Billy Murray's six-day race still is bringing in the money, declined to end their sessions yesterday, postponing them until today, thereby holding in town a lot of sports who are glad of the opportunity of studying the architecture of the chandeliers supporting the white lights of Broadway.

After Tom Lynch had been chosen as head of the league for another term, and Willie Locke, the story-telling secretary of the Pittsburgh Pirates, had been made a committee of the league, up good hotels for the traveling teams next season, the meeting came to an end amid clouds of cigar smoke.

When Lynch asked baseball writers to confab with him, it was evident that the magnates had done other things besides twist their thumbs. The resolutions and defiant attitude of the American League had caused them much wonderment. Garry Herrmann didn't want to say anything about the matter, but he finally admitted that something might be done. From other sources it was learned that Charlie Murphy is to be handed a stiff lesson today. He will be shown that his attitude toward Johnson may bring both leagues into a war, and that though Johnson does not seek such trouble now, Murphy has his reply prepared, and the war is on. Murphy is to be filled with pepper and spice.

Views of Heydler.

"I have read the resolutions of the American League," said John Heydler, secretary of the National League, today, "and I can't see in them anything but an expression of support for Johnson in his troubles with Murphy. It has been said that no more official intercourse will be held between the two big leagues. Still, Johnson says that his league will be governed by the national agreement. That precludes any schedule competition, for the agreement covers the meeting of the schedule committees. From the two big leagues, there will be no conflicting dates so long as the national agreement is in force. Johnson says that the American League is simply that of supporting its president, nothing more. I hardly expect any real trouble, and believe that everything will be smoothed over before many more weeks."

"I am sorry to have Johnson look at things as he does," says Garry Herrmann today. "He insists that his methods are right, but we have never had a quarrel. He and I get along very well together on the National Commission, and I am deeply grieved to have this impossible situation arise. However, I shall do my best to arrange everything to the satisfaction of Johnson, and have no doubt but that all will be well."

Griffith Comes Home.

Manager Clark Griffith went home yesterday, saying that he had a whole lot of work to do in very little time. "I have done nothing regarding Elberfeld's case," said he to the writer. "I have four possible places for him. He wants to go to Chattanooga. Jack Dunn

wants him for the Baltimore team. I'd like to satisfy the Kid, if possible, though the Chattanooga offer is less than that of Baltimore. If I can arrange a better deal with Billy Smith at Chattanooga, Elberfeld will be allowed to go there. I may not decide this for a week or so."

"I want Elberfeld very much," says Dunn. "He would fit in very well with my team. I don't put a whole lot of stock in the rumor that he will never be able to play again. Unless he has a leg cut off by a train he will play ball until his youngest son is running around on the same team. He knows the game thoroughly, can hit good enough for my league and would be of great benefit to me. I have made Griffith a good offer and hope to have him accept it. However, I don't expect a reply for a while. I can wait."

Sale of Boston Club.

The sale of the Boston Nationals to Jim Gaffney, the Tammany politician, and the appointment of John M. Ward to be president of the team, acting for Gaffney, is the talk of everybody at the Waldorf. Early Wednesday morning, after the dinner to the baseball writers, Winslow denied that he had sold the club. He denied that any option was held. He denied a lot of other things. Then came the yarn that Gaffney had bought the club for \$100,000. Winslow was not in sight. Not until the meeting of the National League was called did John M. Ward appear to represent the club with Gaffney. Up to a late hour last night Winslow still was among the missing.

Whether or not Ed Hanlon, the Baltimore veteran baseball man, will be identified with the Boston club cannot now be told. Gaffney says Hanlon is not yet a manager. Hanlon, "though I may be found in the position later on, I'd like to get back into baseball somewhere, but I'm not there yet. Ban Johnson threw me down after he had practically clinched things in Boston. I had agreed to John I. Taylor's terms for a half interest in the Red Sox. He went to Chicago to explain matters to Johnson, and he was told that I was persona non grata in the American League. Johnson then told Taylor that he would find purchasers for that half interest. He got hold of Jimmy McAleer, and said to him, 'I want you to buy how I got left. McAleer is entitled to all he has, and I hope he'll make a lot of money on his investment, but I'd be making that money for myself but for Johnson. However, it's all in a lifetime.'"

Tenney Speculating.

Fred Tenney, the veteran manager of the Boston Nationals, is wondering where he gets off. His contract has another year to run as manager of the team, and he is an interested lounge in the lobby of the Waldorf. Johnny Ward has told him not to worry at all. Fred stolidly smokes a briar pipe, scowls at everything, and that's all there is to his job.

Fred Lake, whose rumor had the manager of the St. Louis Browns, is dickering to obtain the Providence International League club. He says he is not free to do as he likes, denies he has signed with anybody, and insists to keep his movements pretty well covered. Among rumors of trades were heard among the National Leaguers. Horace Fogel, the comic opera president of the Phillies, has offered Charlie Doot and Earl Gardner to the Chicago Cubs, Chicago, and Pittsburgh. However, nothing has happened because he has named Nap Rucker, Jimmy Archer, and Howard Hammit to get any of these three stars away from their clubs.



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